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SECRETARY OF THE STATE SUSAN BYSIEWICZ JOINS IN KICKING OFF MADD'S "*TIE ONE ON FOR SAFETY*" HOLIDAY SEASON CAMPAIGN

Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz today took part in kicking off the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) holiday campaign to keep our state's roads safe from drunk drivers this year. MADD's "*Tie One On For Safety*" kicked off today with a press conference and rally at the State Capitol, with those in attendance adorning symbolic red ribbons that represent this year's holiday campaign for safe, sober driving.

Secretary Bysiewicz said she was delighted to join with fellow state officials, a number of state and local police officers, and those who have had their families victimized by drunk drivers in a campaign that "has the ability to save many lives in Connecticut."

"Mothers Against Drunk Driving have done a remarkable job over the past 25 years of getting out the simplest and most critical of messages: If you're going to drink, please do not drive," Secretary Bysiewicz told the gathering at the M.A.D.D. rally. "The holiday season, such a happy time of year for so many of us, has also been a time when road fatalities have increased due to heavier traffic and people getting behind the wheel when they shouldn't.

"We all need to embrace this holiday campaign and keep the safety of our friends, neighbors, and loved ones in mind," Secretary Bysiewicz added. "Remember, it's not just a stranger out there on the road with you. It's someone's mother or father, or husband or wife, or son or daughter."

"Tie One On For Safety" asks that motorists tie a red ribbons to their vehicles as a pledge to drive safe and drive sober, and Secretary Bysiewicz was proud to tie a ribbon to her own state vehicle shortly after today's event.

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